

# Annual Reports

of the

## Town Officers

and

## Inventory of Polls and Ratable Property

of

# GILSUM

## NEW HAMPSHIRE


*for the Year Ending December 31, 1954*

and

## School District Officers

*for the Year Ending June 30, 1954*





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SENTINEL PRINTING COMPANY, INC.  
KEENE, N. H.  
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## LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS

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### Selectmen

HOMER S. TILLSON                      ARTHUR F. TURNER  
F. HAROLD BALLOU

### Town Clerk

BERTHA M. WRIGHT

### Town Treasurer

LOIS R. HASTINGS

### Collector of Taxes

MABELLE S. FREIHOFFER

### Road Agent

DONALD W. BALLOU

### Forest Warden

HOMER S. TILLSON

### Fire Wards

HOMER S. TILLSON                      NEIL W. JOHNSON  
DONALD W. BALLOU

### Chief of Police

JAMES H. KENDALL

### Trustees of Trust Funds

ELWIN S. HASTINGS                      DONALD W. BALLOU  
EVERETT W. CHASE

### Auditors

LEILA A. BALLOU                      LENORE SMITH

### Supervisors of Check List

LENORE SMITH                      RUTH FINCH  
LOIS WRIGHT

### Moderator

C. ARTHUR BRADLEY

## Budget Committee

FLORENCE E. WRIGHT	Term Expires 1955
CARL M. STARKEY	Term Expires 1955
FAY R. BEEDE	Term Expires 1956
MARSHALL J. BARRETT	Term Expires 1956
LEON W. CHURCHILL	Term Expires 1957
AARON W. FISK	Term Expires 1957

# THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Gilsum in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Gilsum on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To receive the report of the Budget Committee and act in any manner relating thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

5. To appoint a committee to take charge of the observance of Memorial Day.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell either by auction or private sale any or all pieces of real estate now acquired by tax deed.

7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the benefit of the Elliot Community Hospital. This figure is based on the Town's Proportionate share of the total being asked for from all Cheshire County Towns.

8. To transact any other business that may legally come before it.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

HOMER S. TILLSON,  
F. HAROLD BALLOU,  
ARTHUR F. TURNER,  
Selectmen of Gilsum.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HOMER S. TILLSON,  
F. HAROLD BALLOU,  
ARTHUR F. TURNER,  
Selectmen of Gilsum.

## RESIDENT INVOICE AND TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1954

Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
Anderson, A. Bryson and Doris I.			Exempt	1000	800 50 40
2a Collins Place	\$2800	\$176 40	Ballou, B. F.		
Adams, Albert F.			18a Nims lot	36	
20a Farm \$500			60a Wilson lot	120	
Land State Rd. 20	520	32 76	110a Rawson lot	220	
Adams, Albert F. and Charles			28a Smith lot	56	
¼a Adams Home- stead	2800	176 40	46a Miller lot	92	
Adams, Annie L. Est.			52a Lowell lot	104	
¼a Homestead	2600	163 80	25a Dart lot	50	
Arlen, George and Eugenia B.			50a Howard lot	100	
¼a Land and Bldgs.	10	63	7a Leroyd lot	14	
Arlen, Frank and Virginia			100a Heaton lot	200	
Land and Bldgs.500			20a Sheldon lot	40	
Exempt			20a Wardwell lot	40	
Audet, Philip J. L.			27a Farm	550	
Ramona A.			Land and springs	35	
Fields House	1600	100 80	Homestead	3900	5557 350 09
Baine, Frank			Beede, Fay R.		
Homestead	850	53 55	35a Newman lot	70	
Ballou, Donald W.			Smith Place	400	
73a Banks Farm	400	25 20	Hodgkins lot	50	
Ballou, F. Harold			Whipple place	500	
and Ethelind I.			Exempt	1000	20 1 26
Scott Place	3400		Blair, James W.		
100a Town lot	200		200a Greenwood lot		
Exempt	1000	2600 163 80	and Bldgs.	1500	
Banks, Effie P.			Exempt	1000	500 31 50
Homestead	1800	113 40	Blanchard, Raymond		
Bardwell, Oscar and Adeline L.			R. and Julie A.		
Story Place	1800		Badger Place	2835	178 61
Exempt	1000	800 50 40	Briggs, Harry C.		
Barrett, Marshall J. and Beatrice			Wilber Place	500	31 50
Mosher Place	1800	113 40	Britton, Herman R.		
Bates, Christie et al			10a Homestead	1700	
Howard Place	900	56 70	26a Town lot	500	
Bates, Coburn C.			Miller place	100	
2a Wright lot	20		1 horse	75	
Huntley Place	500	520 32 76	2 cows	135	2510 158 13
Bates, Effie Est.			Britton, Rule		
77a Homestead	1800	113 40	Newell Place	1700	
Beckwith, Dorothy M. and Ray E.			Exempt	1000	700 44 10
Hart place	1400	88 29	Buffum, Harold W.		
Beckwith, Ray E.			and Margaret D.		
10a Mack lot	20	1 26	31a Corey lot and		
Bernier, Ronald F.			and Bldgs.	250	
Carter Farm	1800		6a Fish lot	12	
			24a Home	700	962 60 61
			Bunker, Arthur E.		
			50a Clark Farm	1150	
			3 cows	270	1420 89 46
			Bunker, Clifford A.		
			105a Isham Farm	700	44 10
			Blodgett, Charles H. and Edith G.		



Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
20a Roundy Place 500			Carpenter Lot 50		3 15
10a Keefe lot 50			Dunton, Perley F. and Grace W. 900		
Mill 100	650	40 95	1½a home 13	913	57 52
Bosley, Arthur G. and Florence K. 1a Ackerman Place 1600		100 80	Dunton, Roger A. Doody Place 650		
Caron, Walter J. 7a Taylor Place 1000		63 00	1a White lot 25	675	42 53
Carpenter, Alberta I. 100a Homestead 1700		107 10	Durant, Louis A. Homestead 1500		
Chamberlain, Frederick L. 2a Blake lot 40			Exempt 1000	500	31 50
3a Homestead 750	790	49 77	Dwyer, Hazel E. Carter Place 1800		113 40
Chase, Everett W. ½a Laing Place 2800			Devine, William I. Jr. and Helen L. ½a Clark Bungalow 1900		
Filling Station 2500			Exempt 1000	900	56 70
Stock in Trade 400			Dimick, Charles Land and Bldgs. 200		12 60
16a Banks Lot 50			Eichorn, Charles R. and Dolores 10a Gunn Place 2000		126 00
Exempt 1000	4750	299 25	Eichorn, Joseph H. Jr. White Place 1800		
Churchill, Leon W. 50a Snow Lot and Bldgs. 1200			Exempt 1000	800	50 40
25a Bridge lot 75	1275	80 33	Emerson, Cedric H. 10a Sibley Place 1700		
Churchill, Inc. 23a Wilder Farm 56			4a Guillow lot 80	1780	112 14
95a Bridge lot 190			Everett, Harold N. and Eva M. 19a Horton Place 2100		
39a Barrett lot 78	324	20 41	Exempt 1000	1100	69 30
Clark, Roger B. Home 2100			Fisk, Bryan G. Homestead 1300		81 90
Exempt 1000	1100	69 30	Fisk, Seth W. and Mabel L. Gates place 1800		113 40
Corey, Woodbury G. and Winifred Homestead 850		53 55	Ferland, Alfred A and Shirley G. 1900		
Corey, Woodbury G. 40a Carey Farm 200			Bailey Place 1000	900	56 70
Garage 50			Fish, Coard 51a Homestead 1200		
Bliss Place 700			1 horse 50		
Guillow lot 100	1050	66 15	1 cow 50	1300	81 90
Cutright, Richard and Bertha Land and Bldgs. 800		50 40	Finch, Ruth E. 12a Wheat Place 600		
Carpenter, David L. and Helen M. Molesky Place 2000			Nash Farm 100		
Exempt 1000	1000	63 00	4 cows 200	900	56 70
Davis, Alfred W. and Auline Hayes house 1350		85 05	Finch, Eugene H. and Ruth E. 120		7 56
Davidson, Florence Miller Place 1250			60a Jeffs lot		
Exempt 1000	250	15 75	Freihofer, Mabelle S. 4a Hammond Mowing 180		
Dunton, Earl J., Jr. Home 1000					
Exempt 1000					
Dunton, Grace W.					

Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
¼ Land and Bldgs. 1350			Hull, Malcolm W. and Mary E.		
Jefts Place 1205			½a Hodgkins Lot 50		
Exempt 1000	1780	112 14	¼a Home 1000	1050	66 15
Fish, Leonard			Hubbard, Charles L. Est.		
1 horse 100			Homestead	4400	277 20
Exempt			Isham, Mary E.		
Graves, James and Ida			1a Smith Lot	10	63
35a Silas Davis Place	700	44 10	Jernberg, Mildred I. and Rougeau, Mildred E.		
Griggs, Catherine Est.			¼a Taylor		
Ludwig Place 1100	69 30		Place 1700		
Grime, John H.			Exempt 850	850	53 55
Pletzner Camp	200	12 60	Jernberg, Ralph I. and Joyce C.		
Hastings, Hazel			2a Home 1800		
Homestead and Land	2400	151 20	17a Blake Lot 300		
Hastings, Raymond I.			2 horses 100		
Isham Home- stead 3200			2 cows 125		
Exempt 1000	2200	138 60	Exempt 1000	1325	83 48
Hanson, Howard E.			Johnson, Edward C. and Barbara P.		
Homestead	6000	378 00	Home	600	37 80
Heath, Rufus J. and Elizabeth			Johnson, Neil W. and Barbara M.		
3a Home 350			Home	800	50 40
1a Beede Place 750	1100	69 30	Johnson, William P.		
Hodgdon, Mildred I.			Homestead 2100		
¼a Wellman Hill 10			13a Miller Lot 26		
43a Bridge Place 500	510	32 13	Exempt 1000	1126	70 94
Howard, Chester E. Est.			Jones, William B.		
3a Mack lot	50	3 15	Homestead 3000		
Hostittler, Richard D.			120a Howard Lot 240		
Wilson Place 750			Pearson and Newman Lot 100		
Exempt			104a Bates Lot 150	3490	219 87
Hodgkins, Dora V. and Fred W.			Keating, James E. and Nancy N.		
Nabbie Bliss Lot 40			Hubbard House 1600		
4a Bates Place 1300	1340	84 42	Exempt 1000	600	37 80
Houle, Clement A and Shirley I.			Kendall, James H.		
Davis Place	2000	126 00	Home 700		
Howard, Clarence M.			Kenyon Lot 100	800	50 40
4a H. Howard Place	700	44 10	Kenney, Elvira E.		
Howard, Charles Est.			Home	200	12 60
¼a Homestead	500	31 50	Kerchis, Mike		
Howard, Clara			Home 1250		
Land and Bldgs.	100	6 30	Exempt 1000	250	15 75
Howard, Prinnie			King, Clifford G. and Hazel F.		
Converse Lot	60	3 78	Nichols Place	1300	81 90
Holt, Bessie E.			Kingsbury, Samuel Est.		
¼a Homestead	2100	132 30	Homestead	2000	126 00
Howe, Ernest A. and Charlotte B.			Knight, Thatcher J.		
3a Downing Place	3200	201 60			

Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
and Beulah L.			Home	1000	63 00
Jefts Place 2500			Mooney, James H.		
Exempt 1000	1500	94 50	Britton Place	600	37 80
Koski, John and			Mooney, Robert		
Hulda			2a Mosher		
Home	1000	63 60	Place 1400		
Labounty, Emma S.			Exempt 1000	400	25 20
Karr Place	1000	63 00	Mooney, William B.		
Lassman, Otto K.			and Gertrude		
28a Isham Lot 56			Nash Place 1500		
Britton Place 700	756	47 63	Exempt 1000	500	31 50
Lassman, Otto K.			Morse, Edward J.		
and Frazier,			Bates Farm	1000	63 00
Emma L.			Murray, William D.		
Homestead	1600	100 80	et al		
Lackey, Frank H.			Land and Bldgs.	200	12 60
64a Wilder Farm	5000	315 00	Navish, George L.		
Lee, Arthur G.			Home 1000		
J. White Place	1800	113 40	Exempt 1000		
Lee, Arthur W. H. and			Nichols, K. Theodore		
Lucille F.			and Dorothy B.		
Bee Hive	2000	126 00	Homestead	1800	113 40
Louder, Nathaniel			Ouellette, Evelyn		
M.			Carter Farm	1800	113 40
Hendee Farm 1600			Ouellette, Albert and		
15a Blodgett Lot 150			Adolphine		
2 Cows 125			Loiselle Place	1200	75 60
Exempt 1000	875	55 13	Pierson, Amanda E.		
Maine, Richard V.			20a Hammond		
and Ruth M			Lot 40		
Lees Place 3200			Blake Lot 50	90	5 67
Exempt 1000	2200	138 60	Pierson, Carl H.		
Malony, Francis H.			2a Spring Lot 100		
and Barbara I.			3a Homestead 2000		
Home 2500			Exempt 1000	1100	69 30
Exempt 1000	1500	94 50	Pike, Karl M. and		
Malony, Walter F. Est.			Adeline		
Homestead	2300	144 90	Clark Place	600	37 80
Magoon, Edith G.			Pletznor, Rose		
and Arthur P.			Mack Lot 100		
Clark Place	1800	113 40	Exempt 100		
Matson, Edward W.			Plimpton, Donald M.		
and Louise			and Joyce S.		
Flagg Place 2600			Miner Place 1500		
Exempt 1000	1600	100 80	Exempt 1000	500	31 50
Merchant, Ralph D.			Pregent, George L.		
Vogel Place 2000			and Jeanette		
3 Cows 225	2225	140 18	187a Labounty		
McHoul, James N. and			Farm 2100		
Mildred G.			Exempt 1000	1100	69 30
Badger Place 2500			Quimby, Arabelle		
Exempt 1000	1500	94 50	140a Farm 1700		
McHoul, James and			1/2a Home 1200	2900	182 70
Annie			Read, Ivan F. and		
Beede Place	500	31 50	Prudence H.		
Molesky, John F. and			Dunton Place	1800	113 40
Pearl M.			Reid, Chester W.		

Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
Mull Place	1400	88 20	19 Cows	1700	5710 359 73
Rogers, Ethel I.			Tillson, J. Homer		
Roundy Place	650	40 95	Land Alstead Line	10	63
Rohloff, Arthur K. and Inez A.			Tolman, Murray J. and Marion B.		
Davis Place	1600		Dustin Place	1200	75 60
Exempt	1000	600 37 80	Trueman, Gerald E. Homestead	1800	113 40
Sargent, Harry and Beatrice			Turner, Elta H. 100a Hayward Farm	1600	
35a Pickering Lot	500	31 50	1/2a Hebert Place	1500	3100 195 30
Schmitz, E. Winifred and Cooper, Florence			Tredo, Bernice F. Land and Bldgs.	1000	63 00
50a Isham Place	2600		Vanasse, Robert A. Ballou Store	2700	
Land at Stone Bridge	50	2650 166 95	Stock in trade	2000	4700 296 10
Sherrick, Raymond L. Home	400		Vanasse, Robert A. 35a Blake Farm	3200	
10a Blake Lot	20		Exempt	1000	2200 138 60
Hammond Pasture	200		Walker, Leon R. Home	800	50 40
2 Horses	150		Wellman, Mary Homestead	900	56 70
2 Cows	100	870 54 81	White, Leon F. Gleason Place	1650	103 95
Shine, Myron F. and Rose G.			Wilde, Elliot G. and Isabelle M.		
Wilder Farm	2000		Little Place	1000	
2 Cows	125	2125 133 88	Exempt	1000	
Smith, Aubrey L. and Frances L.			Wilder, Doris Homestead	1300	
Nichols Place	1500	94 50	14a Mack Lot	28	
Smith, Frank E. Est. 1/4 Homestead	2100		Howard Lot	360	1688 106 34
20a Hendee Lot	40		Whipple, Willie B. and Florence P. Home	1500	94 50
10a Wellman Lot	250	2390 150 57	Wheeler, Clifford O. Bunker Lot and Bldgs.	250	
Snow, Eleanor E. 50a Homestead	1200	75 60	45a Blake Lot	90	340 21 42
Sonosky, Alec T. Adams House	700		Willson, William E. 7a W. J. Isham Farm	100	6 30
Exempt			Wilson, Jennie B. Dolory Place	1500	94 50
Starkey, Carl M. Home			Wilson, Vera 10a Mitchell Place	1400	
Scarborough, George E.	700	44 10	1 Goat	10	1410 88 83
Home			Worsley, George and Patience C.		
Seuss, Emil and Elise 12a Hen Farm	4420	278 46	35a White Place	2600	163 80
Temple, Sidney R. Est.			Wright, Bertha M. Homestead	1500	94 50
65a Homestead	700	44 10	Wright Bernice F.		
Tillson, Homer S. 130a Thayer Farm	3400				
5a Carroll Lot	10				
50a Foster Lot	100				
73a Nichols Farm	500				

Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
Homestead	2950	185 85	8a Pierson		
Wright, Florence E. and Leon A.			Mowing 150		
Land and Bldgs.	250	15 75	7a Barrett Lot 14	164	10 33
Wright, Florence E.			Wright, Florence E. and Carl O.		
			42a French Lot	42	2 65

## NON-RESIDENT INVOICE AND TAXES FOR YEAR 1954

Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
Anderson, Roy S.			11a Taylor and		
90a Keefe Lot \$180			Loveland Lot 22		
37a Chapin Lot 74	\$254	\$16 00	18a Hodgkins Lot 36		
Anderson, Norman C.			3a Fish Lot 6		
30a Mansfield			18a Loveland Lot 36	2100	132 30
Lot 60			Castor, Richard J. and Lena M.		
62a Smith Farm 124			60a Pickering Lot	120	7 56
51a LePage			Ceratani, Anthony		
Farm 102			Land Alstead Line	15	95
11a House Lot 22	308	19 40	Cheshire Oil Co.		
Antilla, Roy B. and Ellen C.			Filling Station 2000		
5a Wood Lot	25	1 58	Pumps and		
Ashuelot-Citizens Nat. Bank			Tanks 340	2340	147 42
11 shs Bank Stock		11 00	Connecticut River		
American Cyanamid Co.			Power Co.		
Stock in trade	962	60 61	Electrical Lines	1650	103 95
Britton, Emma Est			Colony, John J.		
12a Bill Lot	24	1 52	6a Carroll Lot	12	76
Brown, Norman B.			Croft, C. B. and Nellie M.		
40a Wilder Farm	80	5 04	Colefax House	2800	176 40
Bond, Edwin E. and Ruth W.			Clow, Edward and Louise		
Geo. Howard Farm	2200	138 60	1a Sullivan Rd.	50	3 15
Bailey, Alden A. and Margaret			Dillant, Joseph E. and Emma		
30a Mack Farm	300	18 90	68a Blood Lot 136		
Carey, Forest L.			10a Taylor Lot 20		
100a Mansfield			10a Beaudette		
Lot 200			Lot 20	176	11 09
50a H. Britton			Eaton, Spencer E. and Eleanor W.		
Lot 100			Newell Farm	2000	126 00
130a Angier			Faulkner and Colony		
Lot 260			Mfg. Co.		
148a Aldrich Lot 296			20a Surry Road 40		
Howard Lot 150			Bliss Water		
57a Newman Lot 114			Power 100	140	8 82
130 Angier			Faulkner, Philip H.		
Whitten Place 500			20a Bates Lot	40	2 52
26a Fisher Lot 52			Forbes, Roxie A.		
29 3/10a Fish			Guillow Homestead	2000	126 00
Lot 450	2162	136 21	Feldspar Mines Inc.		
Carey Chair Mfg. Co.			128a Pond and Chase lots	256	16 13
622a Bill Farm 2000					



Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
Fellows, Theodore J. 341a Kingsbury Farm	1500	94 50	Mining Rights	200	12 60
Faulkner, James H. and Mary DuPont 37a Fox Lots 40			Klein, Godfrey E. 35a Mansfield Farm	1000	63 00
25a Comstock Lot 25	65	4 10	Knight, Robert H. 46a Crehore Pasture 92		
Fish, William C. 12a Hammond Lot	60	3 78	Exempt		
Forth, Charles H. Adams Lot and Bldgs.	500	31 50	Livesey, Francis J. et al		
Gates, Gordon 100a Mow Lot	300	18 90	15a Wood lot	30	1 89
Golding-Keene Co. Converse Lot	100	6 30	LaFrank, Charles J. 70a Chapin Lot	140	8 82
Goodell Clifford H. 36 Miller Lot	72	4 54	Lilja, Verer A. and Greta A. Gett Place	750	47 28
Gilman, Joseph L. Pletznier Place 1000			Lombard, Byrdis M. 1a White Lot	10	63
Exempt 1000			Lorandean, Wilfred and Meta		
Gould, Leon R. 17a Jerome Wright Lot	234	14 74	10a Felch Lot	20	1 26
Gregory, Louis Mill 250			Mason, Florence L. 42a Gunn Lot	84	5 29
Wood and Lumber 350	600	37 80	Myers, Erma O. and Arthur G. 17a Densmore Lot	34	2 14
Gett, Hazel T. 20a Ballard Mowing and Bldgs.	300	18 90	Moulthrop, Flora M. Lund Place	400	25 20
Hanna, Gertrude 11a Chapin Place	900	56 70	Mosher, Julia White Place 1500		
Howard, Daniel Est. Land, Old State Rd.	50	3 15	Cottage 700	2200	138 60
Howard Eugene Beaver Mills Lot 50			New Hampshire Electric Co-op.		
Exempt			Electric Lines	690	43 47
Howard, George H. Carter Pasture 50			New England Box Co. Land Surry Line	5	32
33a Perry lot 66	116	7 31	Newell, Bertha W. 16a Howard Lot	32	2 02
Karr, Earl J. 1/4a Land	10	63	Norton, Phyllis and MacConnell, Mary V. Hussey Place	2300	144 90
Kelley, Joseph R. and Ida M.	60	3 78	O'Neil, Daniel Est. 125a Gunn Farm	1500	94 50
30a Geo. Bates Lot			Owens, Nellie 10a Bliss Homestead	700	44 10
Kingsbury, Arthur A. 5a Carter Lot 10			Owens and Longever 5a Beauregard Lot	25	1 58
40a Dan Smith Lot 80	90	5 67	Patnode, Oliver 25a Bates Lot	50	3 15
Kingsbury, Fay E. 46a Reed Lot 92			Platts Box Co. 80a Hayward Lot	160	10 08
10a A. Smith Lot 200	292	18 40	Pomlow, Effie Est. 124a Chase Lots 248		
Kingsbury, Hunter C. 96a Homestead 1000			125a Buckminister Lot 250		
100a May Farm 400	1400	88 20	1a Whipple Lot 10	508	32 00
Kingsbury, Thayer			Porter, Myron H.		

Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
30a Duston Lot	60	3 78	5a Bingham Lot	25	1 58
Pottberg, Zillah C.			Short, E. Genevieve		
50a Baker Farm	3000	189 00	100a Baker Farm	1600	100 80
Prentiss, Dolorice E.			Schuster, Harry W.		
2a Cook Place	1000	63 00	Alice E.		
Public Service Co. of N. H.			2a Carpenter Lot	10	63
Electrical Lines	59490	3747 87	Spoon, Ann E. and Richard L.		
Quinn, Hugh J. and			140a Wilson Farm	1000	63 00
20a Miller Lot	100	6 30	Timber Owners of New England		
Rivers, Paul			Burrage Lot	75	4 73
70a Carey Lot	210	13 23	Wesson, Kenneth		
Reilly, J. Kenneth			50a Thayer and LePage Lot	100	6 30
½a Heath lot	50	3 15	White, Walter S. House, Keene Line	1500	94 50
Safford, Perley E.			Williams, Don J.		
20a White Farm 40			12a Converse Lot 24		
85a White and Heath Farm 170	210	13 23	Land State Road 50	74	4 66
Sibley Oil Co.			Woods, George F.		
Pumps and Tanks	340	21 42	Shepherdson Lot.	200	12 60
Spaulding and Son Hen Farm	7000	441 00	Wright, Frank		
Spencer Hardware Co.			¼a Land Banks St.	10	63
50a Blake Lot	100	6 30	Whitcomb, Arthur Inc.		
Stokien, Marguerite W.			36a Brown and Comstock Lots	1000	63 00
90a Bingham Farm	1500	94 50			
Swan, Verne C.					

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM, N. H.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR  
THE ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1955 TO DEC. 31, 1955  
COMPARED WITH

ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR  
JAN. 1, 1954 TO DEC. 31, 1954

### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$71 00	\$138 79	\$138 79
Railroad Tax		32	32
Savings Bank Tax	75 00	81 11	81 11
Reimbursement a/c State and			
Federal forest lands	23 16	48 32	48 32
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of			
Growing Wood and Timber	2,400 00	2,054 80	2,583 00
For Fighting Forest Fires		29 63	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	150 00	111 25	111 25
Interest Received on Taxes			
and Deposits	185 00	224 68	224 68
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,300 00	1,461 96	1,461 96
Sale of Town property		12 00	
From Local Taxes Other Than			
Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll taxes—Regular @ \$2	460 00	412 00	412 00
(b) National Bank Stock taxes	11 00	11 00	11 00
Total Revenues from all sources			
Except Property taxes	\$4,675 16	\$4,585 86	\$5,072 43
Amt. to be raised by Prop. taxes	\$8,741 55	\$8,575 27	\$8,136 63



**PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES**

	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Appropriations Recom.'d By Budget Com. 1955
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$600 00	\$598 70	\$600 00
Town officers' expenses	625 00	630 27	575 00
Election & Registration Expenses	100 00	76 00	25 00
Expenses Town Hall and other			
Town Bldgs.	165 00	194 87	175 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	50 00	10 00	50 00
Fire Department	950 00	730 75	900 00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust and			
Care of Trees	200 00	200 00	
Insurance	552 75	626 52	500 00
Health:			
Health Department, including			
hospitals	25 00		25 00
Vital Statistics	20 00	14 00	20 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	100 00	84 00	100 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—			
Summer	2,500 00	2,437 29	2,500 00
Town Maintenance—			
Winter	1,000 00	1,542 39	1,200 00
Street Lighting	1,110 00	1,066 20	1,110 00
General Expenses of Highway			
Department	900 00	915 40	200 00
Town Road Aid	272 46	272 46	255 06
Libraries	225 00	226 67	225 00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	500 00	145 16	300 00
Old Age Assistance	1,800 00	1,787 95	2,000 00

	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Appropriations Recom.'d By Budget Comm. Year 1955
Patriotic Purposes :			
Memorial Day and Veterans'			
Associations	75 00	75 00	75 00
Public Service Enterprises :			
Cemeteries	75 00	75 00	75 00
Unclassified :			
Damages and Legal Expenses,			
Incl. dog damage	150 00	81 00	150 00
Advertising and Regional			
Associations	34 00	34 00	34 00
Interest :			
On temporary loans	200 00	150 00	200 00
On Long Term notes	187 50	187 50	240 00
Outlay for new construction			
and Perm. Improv.:			
Mapping			175 00
Indebtedness :			
Payment on Principal of Debt :			
(b) Long Term Notes	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,500 00
Total Expenditures	\$13,416 71	\$13,161 13	\$13,209 06

## INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 1954

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Land and Buildings	\$312,612 00
Electric Plants	61,830 00
8 Horses	525 00
39 Cows	3,055 00
1 Sheep	10 00
2 Portable Mills	350 00
Wood and Lumber	350 00
Gasoline Pumps	680 00
Stock in Trade	3,362 00

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Total Gross Valuation	\$382,774 00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	41,142 00

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\$341,632 00

### Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property taxes	\$21,522 82
Poll taxes	448 00
Nat'l Bank Stock tax	11 00

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Total Commitment	\$21,981 82
Tax Rate \$6.30 @ \$100.00	

### LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS MARCH 9, 1954

Town officers' salaries	\$600 00
Town officers' expenses	625 00
Election and registration	100 00
Town Hall maintenance	165 00
Police Department	50 00
Fire Department	950 00
Blister Rust	200 00
Health Department	25 00
Care of dump	100 00

Vital Statistics	20 00
Town Road Aid	272 46
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,500 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,000 00
General Expenses Highway Dept.	900 00
Insurance	552 75
Street Lighting	1,110 00
Libraries	225 00
Old Age Assistance	1,800 00
Town Poor	500 00
Memorial Day	75 00
Cemeteries	75 00
Legal Expenses	150 00
Monadnock Region	34 00
Payment Principal of Debt	1,000 00
Interest	387 50
County Tax	1,073 00
School Tax	11,843 87
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	\$26,333 58

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amt. Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Town officers' salaries	\$600 00		\$600 00	\$598 70	\$1 30	
Town officers' expenses	625 00		625 00	630 27		\$5 27
Election and registration	100 00		100 00	76 00	24 00	
Town Hall	165 00		165 00	194 87		29 87
Police Department	50 00		50 00	10 00	40 00	
Fire Department	950 00	\$31 63	981 63	730 75	250 88	
Blister Rust	200 00		200 00	200 00		
Insurance	552 75		552 75	626 52		73 77
Health Department	25 00		25 00		25 00	
Vital Statistics	20 00		20 00	14 00	6 00	
Town dump	100 00		100 00	84 00	16 00	
Town Road Maintenance, Summer	2,500 00		2,500 00	2,437 29	62 71	
Town Road Maintenance, Winter	1,000 00	501 19	1,501 19	1,542 39		41 20
Street Lights	1,110 00		1,110 00	1,066 20	43 80	
General Expenses Highway Dept.	900 00		900 00	915 40		15 40
Town Road Aid	272 46		272 46	272 46		
Libraries	225 00		225 00	226 67		1 67
Town Poor	500 00	36 00	536 00	145 16	390 84	

Old Age Assistance	1,800 00	1,800 00	1,787 95	12 05
Memorial Day	75 00	75 00	75 00	
Cemeteries	75 00	75 00	75 00	
Legal expenses	150 00	150 00	81 00	69 00
Monadnock Region	34 00	34 00	34 00	
Interest	387 50	387 50	337 50	50 00
Payment Term Notes	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	
County Tax	1,073 00	1,073 00	1,073 00	
School Tax	11,843 87	11,843 87	11,843 87	
Totals	\$26,333 58	\$568 82 \$26,902 40	\$26,078 00	\$991 58 \$167 18
Net Unexpended Balance			824 40	

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM IN CHESHIRE COUNTY

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

February 14, 1955

HOMER S. TILLSON,  
F. HAROLD BALLOU,  
ARTHUR F. TURNER,  
Selectmen.  
LOIS R. HASTINGS,  
Treasurer.

## ASSETS

### Cash :

In hands of treasurer	\$9,528 21
(a) Town Hall Committee	46 25

### Accounts Due to the Town—

#### Due from State :

(a) Joint highway Construction Accounts, unexpended bal. in State treasury	3,846 94
(b) for bounties	135 50

#### Unredeemed taxes: (from tax sale on account of)

(b) Levy of 1953	1,063 32
(c) Levy of 1952	739 72
(d) Previous Years	3 34

#### Uncollected Taxes :

(a) Levy of 1954	8,666 04
(b) Levy of 1953	378 66
(c) Levy of 1952	276 32
(d) Previous Years	266 15

(e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954	605 00
(f) State Head Taxes—Previous Years	65 00
Total Assets	<u>\$25,620 45</u>
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	3,630 21
Grand Total	<u>\$29,250 66</u>
Net Debt, December 31, 1953	\$5,861 81
Net Debt, December 31, 1954	3,630 21
Decrease of Debt	2,231 60

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### LIABILITIES

#### Accounts Owed by the Town:

Reserve Town Hall Fire	\$516 68
Town Road Aid	272 46

#### Due to State:

(a) State Head Taxes—1954 (Uncollected \$605.00) (Collected—not remitted to State Treas. \$38.50)	643 50
Due to School Districts: Balance of appropriation	11,000 00

#### State and Town Joint Highway Construction

##### Accounts:

(a) Unexpended balance in State Treasury	3,846 94
(b) Unexpended balance in Town Treasury	4,971 08

#### Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Fire Truck	500 00
State Aid & Road Const.	5,500 00
Town Hall Heating Plant	2,000 00

Total Liabilities	<u>\$29,250 66</u>
Grand Total	\$29,250 66

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### RECEIPTS

#### Current Revenue:

#### From Local Taxes: (Collected and remitted to treasurer)

1. Property Taxes—Current	
Year—1954	\$13,578 48



2.	Poll Taxes—Current Year—	
	Regular @ \$2—1954	254 00
3.	National Bank Stock Taxes—1954	11 00
4.	Yield Taxes—1954	19 30
5.	State Head Taxes @ \$5—1954	770 00
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6.	Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$14,632 78
7.	Property Taxes and Yield Taxes—Previous Years	7,149 76
8.	Poll Taxes—Previous years Regular @ \$2	158 00
9.	State Head Taxes @ \$5 Previous years	440 00
10.	Interest received on taxes	224 68
11.	Penalties on State Head taxes	47 00
12.	Tax sales redeemed	1,253 29
From State :		
13.	For Highways and Bridges :	
	(b) For Class V highway maintenance	501 19
14.	Interest and dividends tax	138 79
15.	Railroad Tax	32
16.	Savings Bank tax and building and Loan Association Tax	81 11
17.	Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	48 32
18.	Reimbursement a/c Exemption of growing wood and timber	2,054 80
19.	Sale of sand	75 70
20.	Fighting forest fires	29 63
22.	Reimbursement State Head tax	2 96
From Local Sources, Except Taxes :		
24.	Dog licenses	111 25
33.	Registration of motor vehicles, 1954 permits	1,461 96
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	Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$28,411 54

## Receipts other than Current Revenue:

34. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	10,000 00	
38. Refunds	88 00	
42. Sale of town property	12 00	
Total Receipts other than Current Revenue		\$10,100 00
Total Receipts from all sources		\$38,511 54
Cash on hand January 1, 1954		7,667 01
Grand Total		\$46,178 55

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 PAYMENTS

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

## General Government:

1. Town officer's salaries	\$598 70
2. Town officer's expenses	630 27
3. Election and registration expenses	76 00
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings	194 87

## Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department	10 00
8. Fire department, including forest fires	730 75
9. Blister rust	200 00
10. Bounties	115 00
12. Insurance	626 52
13. Town Hall fire	37 23

## Health:

15. Vital statistics	14 00
17. Town dumps	84 00

## Highways and Bridges:

19. Town maintenance (Summer \$2,437.29) (Winter \$1,542.39)	3,979 68
20. Street lighting	1,066 20
21. General expenses of highway department	915 40

## Libraries :

22. Libraries	226 67
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## Public Welfare :

23. Old age assistance	1,787 95
24. Town poor	145 16

## Patriotic Purposes :

26. Memorial Day	75 00
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## Public Service Enterprises :

30. Cemeteries	75 00
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## Unclassified :

32. Damages and legal expenses	81 00
33. Regional Associations	34 00
34. Taxes bought by town	1,235 88
35. Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	2 00

Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$1,271 88
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## Interest :

38. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	150 00
39. Paid on long term notes	187 50

Total Interest Payments	\$337 50
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## Indebtedness :

51. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	10,000 00
52. Payments on long term notes	1,000 00

Total Indebtedness Payments	\$11,000 00
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## Payments to Other Governmental Divisions :

56. State Head Taxes paid State Treas. (1954 Taxes \$681.35) (Prior Yrs. \$618.98)	1,300 33
57. Taxes paid to County	1,073 00

59. Payments to School District (1953 Tax \$9,154.36) (1954 Tax \$843.87)	9,998 23
Total payments to other governmental divisions	\$12,371 56
Total Payments for all purposes	\$36 650 34
Cash on hand December 31, 1954	9,528 21
Grand Total	\$46,178 55

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$17,500 00
Furniture and equipment	3,000 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings	
Furniture and equipment	800 00
3. Police Department, equipment	20 00
4. Fire Department, lands and buildings	2,000 00
Equipment	9,000 00
5. Highway Department, lands and buildings	300 00
Equipment	1,000 00
6. Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	900 00
9. Schools, lands and buildings	20,000 00
Equipment	3,500 00
11. All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds	
Carpenter lot	300 00
Land State Road	50 00
Wyman lot	200 00
Beckwith lot	200 00
Mack lot	50 00
Total	\$58,820 00

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954

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### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1954	\$7,667 01
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From Tax Collector:

Property taxes current year	\$13,578 48
Poll taxes current year	254 00
Natl. Bank stock tax 1954	11 00
Yield taxes 1954	19 30
State Head Tax 1954	770 00
Property and yield taxes previous year	7,149 76
Poll taxes previous year	158 00
State head taxes previous year	440 00
Interest received on taxes	224 68
Penalties on state head taxes	47 00
Tax sales redeemed	1,253 29

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\$23,905 51

From State:

For class V Highways	\$501 19
Interest and dividends tax	138 79
Railroad tax	32
Savings Bank tax	81 11
Reimbursement state forest land	48 32
Reimbursement a/c growing timber	2,054 80
Sale of sand	75 70
Fighting forest fires	29 63
Reimbursement Head tax	2 96

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\$2,932 82

## From Town Clerk:

Dog licenses	\$111 25	
Auto permits	1,461 96	
	<hr/>	\$1,573 21

## Miscellaneous Income:

Refunds	\$88 00	
Sale of town property	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

## Borrowed:

Cheshire Nat'l Bank Temp. Loan	\$10,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$46,178 55

## Payments:

On Selectmens' orders	\$36,650 34	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954	9,528 21	
	<hr/>	\$46,178 55

LOIS R. HASTINGS,  
Treasurer.

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954

## LEVY OF 1954

### Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property taxes	\$21,522 91
Poll taxes	448 00
Nat'l Bank stock tax	11 00

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Total warrant	\$21,981 91
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### Yield taxes:

Total warrant	601 21	
Less collected 1953	32 00	569 21

### Added Taxes:

Property taxes	1 89
Poll taxes	2 00
Interest collected	2 12

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\$22,557 13

### Remitted to treasurer:

Property taxes	\$13,578 49
Poll taxes	254 00
Nat'l Bank stock tax	11 00
Interest collected	2 12
Yield taxes	19 30

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Total remitted	\$13,864 90
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### Abatements:

Property taxes	\$25 20
Poll taxes	4 00

## Uncollected taxes:

Property taxes	\$7,921 13	
Poll taxes	192 00	
Yield taxes	550 91	
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	\$22,558 14	
Less overpayment	1 01	
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		\$22,557 13

## PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

## Levy of 1953

## Uncollected taxes Jan. 1, 1954

Property Taxes	\$6,897 28	
Poll taxes	166 00	
Added Polls	14 00	
Yield taxes	624 94	
Interest collected	222 56	
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		\$7,924 78

## Remitted to Treasurer:

Property taxes	\$6,781 28	
Poll taxes	158 00	
Yield taxes	318 48	
Interest collected	222 56	
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Total remitted	\$7,480 32	

## Abatements:

Property taxes	\$63 80	
Poll taxes	2 00	

## Uncollected taxes:

Property taxes	\$52 20	
Poll taxes	20 00	
Yield taxes	306 46	
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		\$7,924 78



## STATE HEAD TAXES

## Levy of 1953

Uncollected taxes Jan. 1, 1954	\$500 00	
Added taxes	50 00	
Penalties collected	43 00	
	<hr/>	\$593 00
Remitted to treasurer	\$435 00	
Penalties	43 00	
Abatements	50 00	
Uncollected	65 00	
	<hr/>	\$593 00

## STATE HEAD TAXES

## Levy of 1954

Original warrant	\$1,370 00	
Supplemental warrant	10 00	
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Total committment	\$1,380 00	
Penalties collected	3 50	
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Remitted to treasurer	\$770 00	
Penalties	3 50	
Abatement	5 00	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	605 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,383 50

## SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

## As of Dec. 31. 1954

	1953	1952	1951	1950
Taxes sold to town				
current year	\$1,222 88			
Balance unredeemed taxes				
Jan. 1, 1954		\$1,271 85	\$471 23	\$6 20
Interest collected after sale	27	24 14	59 99	1 08
Redemption costs	1 00	3 25	5 50	50
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	\$1,224 15	\$1,299 24	\$536 72	\$7 78

Remitted to treasurer	\$160 83	\$559 52	\$525 16	\$7 78
Deeded to town			8 22	
Unredeemed taxes				
Dec. 31, 1954	1,063 32	739 72	3 34	
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	\$1,224 15	\$1,299 24	\$536 72	\$7 78

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Births recorded	11
Marriages recorded	2
Deaths recorded	15
Deaths in town	4
Deaths brought here for burial	9
Lived in town, buried elsewhere	2
Dog licenses	55
Auto permits in 1954 for 1954 and Jan. Feb. and March 1955	325
Conditional sales	87
Discharged	4

MRS. BERTHA M. WRIGHT,  
Town Clerk.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Jan 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954

### RECEIPTS

Jan. 1, 1954 cash on hand	\$34 40
Received from rent of hall	70 00
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	\$104 40

### PAYMENTS

Minor repairs	\$15 75
Janitor service and labor	35 00
Janitor supplies	7 40
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954	46 25
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	\$104 40

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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### TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

Leila A. Ballou, auditor	\$10 00
Lenore Smith, auditor	10 00
Lois R. Hastings, treasurer	35 00
Bertha M. Wright, town clerk	32 00
Homer S. Tillson, selectman	100 00
F. Harold Ballou, selectman	100 00
Arthur F. Turner, selectman	100 00
Mabelle S. Freihofer, collector	211 70
	<hr/> \$598 70

### TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

U.S. Auto and Truck Guide	\$14 50
A. F. Turner, tel. charges	6 92
A. F. Turner, postage and travel	16 00
Mrs. Bertha M. Wright, auto perm.	217 00
Dues Town Clerks' Assn.	2 00
Dues Assessors' Assn.	3 00
Dues Tax Collectors' Assn.	3 00
Lois R. Hastings, postage	14 00
Tax bills	10 10
Sentinel Printing Co. Town Reports	220 73
G. H. Tilden and Co. file & folders	48 15
D. Reed Chaplin, transfer cards	20 60
Chases', supplies	45 81
Dog tags	7 31
Auditors' expenses	1 15
	<hr/> \$630 27

### ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

C. Arthur Bradley, moderator	\$6 00
Leon A. Wright, moderator	3 00

Lenore Smith, supervisor	17 00
Ruth Finch, supervisor	15 00
Lois Wright, supervisor	11 00
Mary Wellman, ballot clerk	6 00
Louis A. Durant, ballot clerk	6 00
Miriam P. Tillson, ballot clerk	6 00
Nona Britton, ballot clerk	6 00
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	\$76 00

## TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Public Service Co. lights	\$54 29
Sibley Oil Co., fuel oil	68 66
Fred H. Hamblett, electrical work	71 92
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	\$194 87

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ivan F. Read, policeman	\$10 00
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE

Sibley Oil Co., fuel oil	\$113 96
Fire telephone	86 71
Pay rolls	163 26
State Firemen's Assn., dues	22 00
James E. Keating, janitor	30 00
W. P. Johnson Inc., repairs	22 25
City of Keene, attending fires	45 00
James A. Coffin, equipment	225 10
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange	15 88
E. W. Chase, gas and oil	6 59
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	\$730 75

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Board Mary Chamberlain	\$98 58
Aid to Clara Howard	21 58
Aid to Veteran	25 00
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	\$145 16

Refund Board Mary Chamberlain	36 00
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Net expenditures	\$109 16
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## INSURANCE

Fire Truck Casualty	\$49 90
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Tractor Casualty	35 00
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Fire truck, fire insurance	11 75
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Fire insurance, fire station	21 29
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Fire insurance, town hall	167 00
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Fire insurance, town hall	53 10
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Fire insurance, town hall	26 55
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Fire insurance, fire station	12 67
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Fire insurance, town hall furniture	100 20
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Town Officers' Bonds	25 60
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Town Officers', liability	26 46
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Tax Collector's Bond	17 00
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Fire insurance, tractor	7 00
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Fire insurance, old truck	7 00
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Firemens' insurance	66 00
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	\$626 52
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## TOWN HALL FIRE ACCOUNT

## Receipts:

Jan. 1, 1954 balance on hand	\$503 91
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Received from sale of slate	50 00
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	\$553 91
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## Payments:

Ivah Ballou, repairs	\$37 23
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Dec. 31, 1954, unexpended balance	516 68
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	\$553 91
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## REPORT OF HIGHWAYS

### MAINTENANCE OF TOWN ROADS

#### WINTER

Donald W. Ballou, road agent	\$307 00
Woodbury G. Corey, labor	158 50
Homer S. Tillson, labor	18 00
Frederick L. Karr, labor	9 00
Alec Sonosky, labor	10 00
Robert Pratt, labor	7 00
Clifford Bunker, labor	11 00
Louis A. Durant, labor	4 00
Prinnie Howard, labor	6 50
H. S. Tillson, truck	18 00
E. A. Blodgett, truck	24 00
Arthur Bosely, truck	5 00
Road Salt	147 51
Ralph A. Jernberg, plowing	200 00
W. P. Johnson Inc., truck and plow	584 25
E. W. Chase, gas and oil	20 31
Guy Parker, loader	6 00
Keene Sand and Gravel, sand	6 32
	\$1,542 39

### MAINTENANCE OF TOWN ROADS

#### SUMMER

Donald W. Ballou, road agent	\$448 75
Woodbury G. Corey, labor	501 50
Clifford Bunker, labor	110 00
Louis A. Durant, labor	14 50
Leon A. White, labor	159 50
Prinnie Howard, labor	123 00
Charles Dimick, labor	18 00
Neil Johnson, labor	17 00
Richard Fisk, labor	45 50

James Graves, labor	23 00
Arthur Bunker, labor	2 00
E. A. Blodgett, tractor and truck	164 25
Raymond Sherriek, sand	8 00
H. W. Ball, truck and loader	164 00
Frank Lackey, bulldozer	70 00
E. W. Chase, gas and oil	19 07
Berger Metal Culvert Co., culverts	45 88
Dynamite	8 20
Arthur Whitecomb Inc., cold patch	34 75
W. P. Johnson Inc., truck	460 39
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	\$2,437 29

GENERAL EXPENSES  
HIGHWAY DEPT.

W. P. Johnson, repairs	\$100 92
Brattleboro Tractor Sales, track	763 00
Knowlton and Stone, supplies	17 91
E. W. Chase, gas and oil	33 57
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	\$915 40

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Town of Gilsum  
1954

Town funds expended	\$200 00	
Cooperative funds expended	3 04	
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Total expenditures		\$203 04
1954 Town Appropriation	\$200 00	
Town funds expended	200 00	
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Balance due town		0 00
Area worked		1,459 acres
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed		4,777

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

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The library is open to the public on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. and Saturdays 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. during the year.

The usual magazine subscriptions have been renewed, 40 books purchased, and 21 given.

The State Book Mobile leaves books once in 2 months—which are much appreciated.

### TRUSTEES

	Term expires.
Lenore Smith	1955
Doris A. Wilder	1955
Lois Wright	1955
Miriam P. Tillson	1956
Elta H. Turner	1956
Florence M. Cooper	1956
Hazel W. Hastings	1957
May Haertel	1957
Tressie V. White	1957

HELEN W. SMITH,  
Librarian

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### AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and other town officers and find them correct and properly vouched.

LEILA A. BALLOU,  
LENORE SMITH,

Auditors.



# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM, N. H.

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Rate of Per Cent Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
1946	Fannie R. Smith, Centennial Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	\$150.00	\$4.53	3	\$4.53	\$9.06	
1927	Emma D. Woods, Village Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00		3	3.02	3.02	
1938	Mamie Badger, Centennial Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00	3.02	3	3.02	6.04	
1931	Robert Cuthbert, Village Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00		3	3.02	3.02	
1927	Eben W. Jones, Village Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00		3	3.02	3.02	
1938	Emma I. Downing, Centennial Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	2,486.31		3	75.14	75.14	
1918	Myron W. Adams, Village Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00	3.52	3	3.02	6.54	
1923	Helan L. Isham, Village Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	50.00	3.00	3	1.50	4.50	
1914	Charles W. Rawson, Centennial Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00		3	3.02	6.04	
1948	Viola E. Minor, Village Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00	3.02	3	3.02		\$14.34
1948	Josephine H. Carter, Centennial Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	200.00	11.32	3	6.05	12.10	
1921	Lansing W. Wilder, Schools	Cheshire County Savings Bank	500.00		3	15.11	15.11	
1916	Otis H. Kingsbury, Schools	Savings Bank of Walpole	200.00	6.04	3	6.04	6.04	
1916	Otis H. Kingsbury, Village Cemetery	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00		3	3.02		9.06
1938	Emma I. Downing, Centennial Cemetery	Savings Bank of Walpole	1,319.56		3	39.88	39.88	
1798	Ministers Fund, Schools	Keene Savings Bank	300.00		3	9.06	9.06	
1900	Daniel W. Bill, South Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	400.00	13.27	3	12.09		25.36
1906	Dr. K. D. Webster, Centennial Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank		.66	3	.66	1.32	
1932	Dr. K. D. Webster, Centennial Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	100.00	3.02	3	3.02	6.04	
1932	Sarah Webster, Village Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	75.00	6.61	3	2.27	2.08	6.80
1939	Ann Dart, Village Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	200.00	17.63	3	6.05		23.68

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Rate of Per Cent Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
1938	Emma I. Downing Centennial Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	479.06		3	14.48	14.48	
1940	Emma I. Downing, Centennial Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	2,820.27		3	85.23	85.23	
1950	Herbert E. Moore, Village Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	300.00	30.17	3	9.06		39.23
1938	Emma I. Downing Centennial Cemetery	Public Service Co. of N. H., 26 shares	2,600.00	277.53	3.35	87.10	3.77	360.86
1938	Emma I. Downing Centennial Cemetery	U. S. Savings Bond, Series G	500.00		2½	12.50		12.50
TOTALS			\$13,502.60	\$389.39		\$413.93	\$311.49	\$491.83

### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 26, 1955.

ELWIN S. HASTINGS

EVERETT W. CHASE

DONALD W. BALLOU

Trustees of Trust Funds.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

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School Board: Mrs. Raymond Hastings, Chairman, Mrs. Leila Ballous, Mrs. Mildred McHoul

Moderator: Arthur Turner.

Treasurer: Florence Wright.

Clerk: Bernice Wright

Auditor: Arthur Turner.

Superintendent: Elliott W. Keach, Walpole.

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district of the Town of Gilsum qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district on the 22nd day of March, 1955 at 7:30 in the evening, to vote upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officer, and fix the compensations of any other officers or agents in the district.
6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, and officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose agents, auditors, and committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums, as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$14,000 for the construction, equipment and furnishing of an additional room to the present elementary school; and whether the district will vote to raise such sum through the issuance of serial notes or bonds upon the credit of the district for all or any portion of the sum so raised and appropriated; and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds shall be issued including their sale and the time and place of payment of principal and interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Bonds Statute, N. H. Revised Laws, Chapter 72, and any amendment thereto.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the year ending June 30, 1954

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### RECEIPTS

State Aid	\$9,939 90
Local taxation	9,145 36
Elementary tuition	675 00
Trust funds	30 21
Notes or bonds	1,415 00
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Total receipts from all sources	\$21,213 66
Cash on Hand July 1, 1953	310 08
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Total	\$21,523 74

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### PAYMENTS

#### Administration:

Salaries of district officers	\$93 00
Supt's salary (Local)	248 31*
Tax for statewide supervision	234 00
Salaries of other Admin, personnel	114 12
Supplies and expenses	197 39

#### Instruction:

Teachers salaries	7,433 87
Books and other instructional aids	237 39
Scholars' supplies	435 03
Supplies and other expenses	59 55

#### Operation of School Plant:

Salaries of janitors	792 00
Fuel or heat	324 00
Water, light, supplies & expenses	238 28

\* State's share \$2,275.00, Alstead \$723.19, Marlow \$179.44, Surry \$174.00, Westmoreland \$384.25.

Maintenance of School Plant:	
Repairs and replacements	183 33
Auxiliary Activities:	
Health Supervision	228 77
Transportation	2,144 75
Tuition	5,145 68
Fixed Charges:	
Retirement	512 57
Insurance, Treas. bonds and expenses	177 47
Capital Outlay:	
Water supply	1 50
Additions and improvements	900 00
New equipment	102 50
Debt and Interest:	
Principal of dept	500 00
Interest on debt	30 00
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Total net payments for all purposes	\$20,333 51
Cash on hand June 30, 1954	1,007 90
Capital Outlay fund	182 33
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Grand total payments	\$21,523 74

## BALANCE SHEET

### • ASSETS

Cash on hand June 30, 1954	\$1,190 23
Total assets	\$1,190 23
Net Debt	907 10
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	\$2,097 33

### LIABILITIES

Notes and bonds outstanding	\$1,915 00
Amounts reserved for special purposes	182 33
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Total liabilities	\$2,097 33

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**

For year ending June 30, 1954

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Cash on hand July 1, 1953	\$310 08
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Received from selectmen:

Current appropriation	\$9,154 36
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Received from State Treas:

State funds	\$9,939 09
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Received from tuitions	675 00
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Received from trust funds	30 21
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Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds	1,415 00
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Total receipts	\$21,213 66
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Total amount available for fiscal year	\$21,523 74
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Less School Board orders Paid	20,333 51
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Balance on hand June 30, 1954	\$1,190 23
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FLORENCE WRIGHT,  
District Treasurer.

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**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Gilsum of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

ARTHUR F. TURNER,  
Auditor

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Board and Citizens of Gilsum :

I herewith submit my annual report as superintendent of your school.

The citizens of Gilsum are to be congratulated for the progress in the matter of building improvements that have been accomplished. Last year a modern lighting system was installed, rooms were painted in attractive colors and insulated on the north and west sides. This year a modern hot water heating plant has been installed plus an additional drinking fountain, however, there is still an imperative need for an additional classroom.

The enrollment in the Gilsum School continues to increase. A comparison of the enrollment at this time with last year's figures shows an increase of one, however, at the beginning of the school year, there were 120 pupils enrolled.

### ANTICIPATED ENROLLMENT

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
55-56	22	18	20	12	13	14	11	13	123
56-57	24	20	18	19	11	12	14	11	129

Each teacher had an average of thirty-six pupils last year, this year the average is thirty-nine. As stated in my report last year, there is not enough time in the teaching day for the teacher to do the work they would like to do with groups and individuals when they are loaded with this number of pupils and grades.

Every effort should be made to provide another room and teacher for the 1955-1956 school year.



Our nation is faced with a serious teacher shortage, the best current estimates show that it is statistically impossible to get enough qualified teachers to staff our schools fully in any one year between now and 1964. The law of supply and demand is causing a considerable increase in teacher's salaries.

Your teachers have been attending monthly meetings with other teachers of the Supervisory Union where they have been studying ways and means of improving our mathematics program. They are also going to participate in a Reading Workshop for three days during the February vacation.

Mrs. Joyce Jernberg resigned during the latter part of the 1953-1954 school year and Mrs. Winham of Marlow was employed as a substitute for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Shirley Houle who formerly taught in Hinsdale, N. H. was employed to replace Mrs. Jernberg and assumed her duties in September. Mrs. Houle has been particularly successful in improving the music program in the school.

#### ENROLLMENT, JANUARY 7, 1955

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number	18	20	12	13	14	10	13	9	109

#### Tuition pupils attending Gilsum school from Alstead:

Grade	1	2	3	5	Total
	—	—	—	—	
Number	2	2	1	1	6

#### Tuition pupils from Gilsum attending other schools:

Grade	9	10	11	12	Total
	—	—	—	—	
Number	13	3	5	2	23

The contributions by the Parent Teacher Association to the school are deeply appreciated, as is the interest of the citizens of Gilsum in their school and its problems.

I wish to thank the school board, parents, teachers, pupils and citizens for their splendid cooperation.

Respectfull submitted,

ELLIOTT W. KEACH,  
Superintendent of Schools

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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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The following is my report for the year ending June 30, 1954:

102 pupils were inspected

63 pupils were in need of dental care

7 pupils were under dental care

110 pupils had vision tests

3 pupils had eye examinations and defects corrected by a  
doctor

65 pupils had hearing tests

9 pupils were advised to have throat and nose examinations  
by the family physician

Home visits were made by the school nurse which I feel were profitable to parents and the school.

ELLEN L. MCAFEE  
School Nurse.

# Budget of the School District of Gilsom 1955-56

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## EXPENDITURES ITEM

	Actual Expenditures 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55	Estimated Expenditures July 1, 1955	School Board's Budget 1955-56	Budget Committee's Budget 1955-56
Administration :					
Salaries of district officers	\$93 00	\$93 00	\$93 00	\$93 00	\$93 00
Supt.'s salary (local share)	248 31	222 08	249 84	253 80	253 80
Tax for state wide supervision	234 06	272 00	272 00	276 00	276 00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	114 12	155 74	145 74	177 15	177 15
Supplies and expenses	197 39	200 00	190 00	200 00	200 00
Instruction :					
Elementary teachers' & principals' salaries	7,433 87	8,360 00	8,360 00	8,360 00	8,360 00
Books and other instructional aids, elementary	237 39	175 00	275 00	220 00	220 00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	435 02	415 00	215 00	350 00	350 00
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	59 55	55 00	30 00	120 00	120 00
Operation of School Plant :					
Salaries of custodians, elementary	792 00	820 00	820 00	820 00	900 00
Fuel or heat, elementary	324 00	340 00	500 00	500 00	500 00
Water, lights, supplies and expenses, elementary	238 28	284 00	250 00	300 00	300 00
Maintenance of School Plant :					
Repairs and replacements, elementary	183 33	200 00	200 00	300 00	300 00

**EXPENDITURES ITEM**

	Actual Expenditures 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55	Estimated Expenditures July 1, 1955	School Board's Budget 1955-56	Budget Committee's Budget 1955-56
Auxiliary Activities:					
Health supervision, elementary	288 77	275 00	265 00	296 00	296 00
Transportation, high					30 00
Transportation, elementary	2,144 75	2,052 00	2,052 00	2,052 00	2,052 00
Tuition, high	5,145 68	7,600 00	6,688 00	9,555 20	9,000 00
Fixed Charges:					
Retirement, elementary	512 57	624 00	624 00	625 30	625 30
Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses, elementary	177 47	783 92	783 92	399 00	399 00
Contingency Fund					3,500 00
Total current expenses	\$18,859 56	\$22,926 74	\$22,023 50	\$24,897 45	\$27,952 25
Capital Outlay:					
Additions and improvements, elementary	\$900 00			\$100 00	\$100 00
New equipment, elementary	102 50	\$75 00	\$50 00	75 00	75 00
Debt and Interest:					
Principal of debt	500 00	500 00	500 00	1,100 00	1,100 00
Interest on debt	30 00	58 00	57 45	150 30	150 30
Total Expenditures or Sch. Approp.	\$20,333 51	\$23,559 74	\$22,630 95	\$26,322 75	\$29,377 55

<b>RECEIPTS ITEM</b>					
	Actual Receipts 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55	Estimated Receipts July 1, 1955	School Board's Budget 1955-56	Budget Committee's Budget 1955-56
*Balance (actual or estimated)	\$310 08	\$300 00	\$1,000 00	\$900 00	\$900 00
State aid	9,939 09	10,025 66	10,025 66	10,000 00	10,000 00
Trust funds	30 21	30 21	30 21	30 21	30 21
Elementary school tuition	675 00	660 00	660 00	510 00	510 00
Other	545 84				
	1,415 00				
Tot. rec'ts other than prop. taxes	\$12,915 22	\$11,015 87	\$11,715 87	\$11,440 21	\$11,440 21
Dist. Assessment Raised or to be raised by Property Taxes			\$11,843 87	\$14,882 54	\$17,937 34
Appropriations Submitted Without Recommendation					
Item	Amount				
Addition of room to the present school	\$14,000 00				

# VITAL STATISTICS

## BIRTHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Baby's Name</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
1954				
Jan. 26	Keene	Michael Lewis	Malcolm W. Hall	Mary E. McPherson
Feb. 22	Keene	Charles Francis	Francis H. Malony	Barbara J. Plimpton
May 29	Keene	Carolyn May	Jesse O. Wheeler	Margaret M. Cannon
May 31	Keene	Ralph Clifford	Ralph I. Jernberg	Joyce Chickering
Aug. 14	Keene	Stephen Louis	Louis G. Rougeau	Mildred F. Jernberg
Oct. 20	Keene	Michael James	Robert P. Mooney	Janice L. Whitten
Oct. 20	Keene	Timothy Walter	Robert P. Mooney	Janice L. Whitten
Oct. 30	Keene	Robert Bruce	Laurence Derosier	Shirley M. Buffum
Nov. 4	Keene	Daniel Dennis	William T. Devine, Jr.	Helen L. Harris
Nov. 8	Keene	Daniel Ward	Richard E. Dunton	Janice L. Ward
Nov. 28	Keene	Clement Charles	Nathaniel M. Lounder	Jenevieve J. Kase

## MARRIAGES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Feb. 7	Gilsum	Homer Stacey Tillson Corine Mae Malcolm	Gilsum Surry
Dec. 3	Keene	Edwin John Castor Geraldine D. Burroughs	Keene Gilsum

## DEATHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>
Jan. 11	Keene	Mary A. Wright	80
Feb. 19	Gilsum	Effie N. Bates	80
Apr. 3	Chesterfield	Catherine R. Griggs	76
Apr. 19	Gilsum	Alfred J. Poisson	59
Apr. 28	Keene	Charles L. Hubbard	88
May 25	Keene	Arthur D. Wright	86
June 25	Palm Beach	Emma M. Bartley	66
July 25	Keene	Julia W. Brooks	68
July 25	Keene	George B. Howard	69
Aug. 27	Gilsum	Arabelle E. Quimby	87
Sept. 24	Keene	Winifred J. White	80
Sept. 9	Bernardston, Mass.	Arthur R. Magoon	71
Oct. 23	Keene	Charlotte B. Howe	47
Nov. 5	Keene	Daniel D. Devine	1 Day
Nov. 13	Gilsum	Edward A. Blodgett	75

MRS. BERTHA M. WRIGHT, Town Clerk













